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F I C T I O N

MUST BOOKS.

May 26

Sharp, Margery — Little, Brown $3.00

FOOLISH GENTLEWOMAN

June Book of the Month selection will push this into upper reading brackets, and its aptness for summer holiday entertainment will keep it there longer, perhaps, than the quality of the book rates. It is beguiling reading- up to the last quarter, when somehow it peters out. But at that, the average is higher than most, in this season of 1948. Once again, as in two of her earlier books, she has taken elderly people as her central characters, and manages to rescue them from the ridiculous by making them mildly appealing. The story involves a quixotic gesture dramatized into a full length novel of adroit character manipulation and situation, and that interplay of humor and perceptiveness which is Margery Sharp's trump card...A chance phrase in a sermon stirs rich and elderly Mrs. Brocken to plan restitution for an adolescent meanness - restitution which will strip her, financially, and endow a distant cousin, Tilly, with the means to achieve the independence she has never had. But first she invites Tilly to visit her at Chipping Lodge, where she is already housing a young nephew, recently out of uniform and at loose ends, a girl companion, a crotchety old bachelor brother-in-law, and a widow - presumably- and her young daughter, who are called "caretakers". How Tilly puts a bomb under their serenity - and what happens when she has a chance at security makes for good diversion.

A Late Comer- But A Sure Seller

April 19

Yerby, Frank — Dial Press $3.00

THE GOLDEN HAWK

Grand entertainment in a picaresque novel of the days of buccaneers and pirates, when the shifting allegiance of Spain made it difficult to know on what side the freebooters were fighting. The time is the late 17th century; the place the waters of the Caribbean, the islands now French, now Spanish, now English. Adventure - romance - the scarlet thread of revenge weaving it into a whole, the central character a nameless master of the *Seaflower,* beloved of many women, but desiring only one, Rouge, mysterious woman pirate driven by her hate of men. There's a bit of history; there's something of the flavor of C.S. Forester in his early Hornblower yarns (not perhaps the depth, the substance, but pace and color and vigor of writing). Lusty, yes, but not as lascivious as *The Vixens;* sex here is simply a recognized factor in the life of these free men of the sea to whom a woman was part of the legitimate booty, and who were untamed when let loose in ports after months at sea. The tremendous popularity of the earlier books will throw the market wide open for this; extensive advertising, circulars, posters, giant books justify the trade in plunging.

Special Note

Tail end of the publishing season finds us farther ahead than usual, but slowed down considerably by the printers' strike which held up galley proofs. What should be in our hands before this will be reported as fast as galleys are made available, now that the strike has broken. Most of the titles here reported are fairly routine items not even excepting Frank Swinnerton's FAITHFUL COMPANY (Doubleday) which commands attention on his name. See reports in pages following.

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS- Fiction

May 14

Acton, Harold & Yi-Hsieh, Lee **A. A. Wyn**
FOUR CAUTIONARY TALES **~~$3.50~~ 2.50**

Four stories from 17th century China, available hitherto only in a limited edition, long out of print. There's a certain piquant morality in stories where the pleasures of lust seem to be the central theme. There's uninhibited acceptance of free discussion of the act of sex, but devoid of the tongue in cheek lewdness of *The Decameron* with which they have been compared. There's an odd sort of charm, and yet one wonders how the legitimate market can be tapped. *Love in a Junk* is the story of two young people, destined for each other, whose impatience cost their lives; *Brother or Bride* teaches the rewards of purity and restraint, in a tale of a girl masquerading as a youth; *The Everlasting Couple* is staunchly rooted in Chinese morality and the attitude toward the binding of child marriage; *The Mandarin Duck Girdle* is a bawdy bit of adventure, as a rake finds a nunnery so exhausting that he dies of excesses... A book that may find a specialty market; a *tour de force*.

May 17

Garth, David Putnam
THE TORTURED ANGEL $2.50

Smooth adventure-plus tale of Denis Furlong's search for the truth of Lt. Landis' disappearance in Normandy, and the whereabouts of important French Resistance secret documents. Clues are few in America, his contacts in Paris disappear, but the trail finally leads to La Flamme, once Resistance heroine, now wanted for treason. Furlong's belief in La Flamme's honesty and her help to him in his search, lead them to the answer to the questions, but endanger their lives. Former underground companions save them, and Furlong returns to the U.S. with the secret key list of future Nazi trouble makers. Bolstered by actual events of the Normandy invasion and a retracing of the terrain and movements, this is a grade above the usual "confidential mission" yarn.

June 10

Swinnerton, Frank Doubleday
FAITHFUL COMPANY $3.00

What a strange and unpleasant book - situations supplying a background of murky gloom for characters, most of whom are verging on perverted, abnormal, sadistic human beings. Even the normal ones are unhappy, ill-adjusted, at odds with their fates. Faithful House was a publishing house, ruled over by two strange men, father and son- Dickens' characters at their most despicable, linked by a surface devotion, dominated by hate and suspicion. Their stories - the stories of the people who worked for them, who lived for the greater part in terror of their jobs, their daily bread - and the all-pervading fear which held London in the early '30's in sway, combine to make a full canvas which includes marriages on the rocks, secret passions, hate, revenge, jealousy, unhappiness, with occasional lightening in the tenuous romance of Barry Fowler and Laura. At the end, two suicides, some convenient deaths, and the breakup of Faithful House release the tensions that pervade the story. Swinnerton's name will give it the mark of distinction, but it is hard to think of the book's being read for entertainment.

June 14

Eastman, Elizabeth — Farrar, Straus
THE MOUSE WITH RED EYES — $2.75

A psychological thriller- not to be pigeon-holed as a murder-mystery- this might be defined as a *Rogue Male* in reverse, in which the hunter is unconscious of her role, the hunted ever-fearful of her as suspecting him. A prologue presents an almost perfect murder- but the killer thinks he has been identified, and the story turns into the strange life of a fugitive, self-defined.... Young Alexandra is virtually picked up by a man in the subway; she watches her sister, her brother-in-law, her niece succumb to his charm, while she herself is aloof. Then an accident to her niece - suspicion of her sister's interest in the man- and other things combine to make Alexandra doubt her own sanity, and drive her to her home in Vermont. While the killer, driven by his own fears, reveals his past crime, his present criminal intentions. Commonplace settings and characters for an egomaniac's compulsion to dominate, and a sensitive girl's ability to force his hand. Plus sale for mystery fans.

Compton-Burnett, I. — Knopf
BULLIVANT AND THE LAMBS — $3.~~50~~ 00

England in the '90's, for an ironic, precise if passionless portrait of a household. Horace Lamb had married Charlotte for her money but refrained from spending it almost to the point of penury; Bullivant was the omnipresent majordomo. Here in very British-style humor is the routine of days pursued almost to tedium; the punctilios of the servants; the paternal priorities of Horace, which cost him his children's affection; the love of his Cousin Mortimer and Charlotte, which he prevents by ordering Mortimer from the house and planning his marriage to another. The master proves he has more than one life, as he escapes death at the hands of his sons, of his footman, of the threat of natural sources - and survives them all to retain a position of respect...A more authentic than attractive satire of county life two generations ago, of unlikely popularity.

June 28

Liston, Edward — Coward, McCann
THE BOWL OF NIGHT — $2.75

A contemporary novel with the fascination of the lost horizon in the story of an American doctor who parachutes down in South America, is tempted to cross behind the Singing Mountain to a legendary land of the unknown. Succeeding, where others had failed, he finds a civilization determined to resist any intruder. He is saved from death by their curiosity about him as an object of study, and finally finds equality and acceptance though assured there can be no return. Taking as mistress Shayli, who had been barren, he fathers two children, one a Mongolian idiot. Knowing he will be killed for having contaminated their bloodlines, he decides to escape with the child, and does so in a balloon, and in the jungle, the child is hopelessly crippled in body as in mind....A speculative adventure not always aligned in mood which ranges from the colloquial to the lyrical (particularly in the amorous episodes), but still provides mild diversion for unanalytical moments.

FINALES FOR FOUR

June 7

Millar, Kenneth — Knopf
THE THREE ROADS — $2.50

The case of Bret Taylor, in traumatic neurosis, represents the mental patterns that drove him into amnesia and it is through Paula West's untiring drive that he is returned to sanity. All disclosures point to his sense of moral guilt, from his relations with his father, his memories of his mother's death, and his determination to find the killer of his wife. His faith in Paula is rocked when he learns she has previous knowledge of the man he believes the murderer, and when the police kill his victim, Bret becomes conscious of the horror of his past. A psycho-thriller that is well plotted, well explained.

June 10

Tucker, Wilson — Rinehart
THE DOVE — $2.00

Far-fetched and erratic doings for a mystery involving two former stars of silent pictures, double blackmail based on a movie taken when they were drunk and amorous, a missing private detective, and twenty years later a near-miss on the part of another private detective, and sufficient coincidental activity to clarify the mystery, clean out the pockets of the principals, and start them east from Hollywood. Thin.

June 24

Bramhall, Marion — Doubleday
MURDER IS AN EVIL BUSINESS — $2.00

Kit and Dick Acton, paying guests during a summer on Cape Cod, find themselves involved in the internecine, intramural activities in the home of Gertie Bullard, unloved mother of three. The death of Tina, her youngest, promotes an investigation of the balance of the family, stimulates suspicion against Ann, young servant girl, leads to a second death...Only average, if affable enough.

Siller, Van — Doubleday
PAUL'S APARTMENT — $2.00

The excessive, obsessive love of Jim Colton for Manderin, who had been Paul's friend, lived in Paul's apartment after his death. Marrying Manderin, Jim's writing is fouled up, his friends alienated, and his love for Manderin and her shy softness becomes suspect. With her death, and particularly the way she dies, Jim finally acknowledges the imposture that was Manderin, relates the crimes to Paul's apartment... Not think stuff, but devious and very decorative. (Crime Club selection.)

MUST BOOKS

April 15

Wallace, Henry A. Reynal & Hitchcock
TOWARD WORLD PEACE $1.75

This is Henry Wallace's political creed, and for those who are not for him, it is a hard one to answer. It narrows down to this:- "to help the housewife at the store the number one necessity is an administration with a new foreign policy". "A New Party proclaims a crusade to rediscover the spirit of America" - and to this end he charts nine points of procedure, necessary to restore civil liberties, to control inflation, to apply moral principles to international affairs, to bring justice and opportunity for service to the comman man. In the course of his text, leading up to his conclusions, he builds up the case for progressive capitalism, as against the now dominant reactionary capitalism; he urges a strengthened and implemented U.N.; he pleads for understanding of and cooperation with Russia. His weakness lies in his reluctance to place its share of blame for today's debacle on Russia, though he states unequivocally the points where he is out of sympathy with Russia. A further weakness lies in his failure to indicate how he would achieve those goals which most men of good will would agree are admirable and desirable. But he is a staunch advocate- compelling- challenging. His book should be studied by voters of all stripes.

May 21

Treuenfels, Rudolph L. - *Ed.* Farrar, Straus
EISENHOWER SPEAKS $3.00

This is not a biography, but a collection of speeches and statements that clearly reveal the personality of an outstanding citizen, a great general and an uncommon man. They give the inner thoughts of a man who can think of war and preparedness, peace and education, world cooperation and national defense. His words reveal a belief in cooperation on all levels; whose life has centered around "duty, justice and peace". He turns an apt phrase, whether speaking to soldiers, civilians, educators or business men, labor leaders or simple people. There's a human quality that conveys bigness of heart and clarity of mind, honesty and integrity, and a sincere belief that the office of the presidency is not for a military man. His words are impressive, dignified, humorous, intelligent and direct. They reveal a great man. His name will mean sales.

June 3

Carnegie, Dale Simon & Schuster
HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING $2.95

This is made to order for mass sale - and published at the psychological moment when most people are looking for a way to stop worrying. Not that it provides a cure-all, for unfortunately lots of people seem to like to worry. But here are some excellent basic rules and basic techniques - rules that should make this book a constant reference tool for those who acknowledge that worry can cause physical and mental ills, business difficulties, marital unhappiness etc. His advice is organized simply and directly, so that at one point or another any honest reader will find it strikes home. And summary sentences at the ends of the chapters, summary conclusions at the end of each section, provide that sound principle of reiteration important in a self-help book. Constant use of actual cases adds the human touch characteristic of Dale Carnegie's tried and proved method. It is easy to say that he sentimentalizes and generalizes - but he manages to get over effectively some sound home truths, helpful suggestions, intelligent and constructive techniques for the average man or woman.

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS.

May 1

Tedlock, E.W. Jr. Univ. of New Mexico Press
THE FRIEDA LAWRENCE COLLECTION OF D.H.LAWRENCE MANUSCRIPTS $3.50

D. H. Lawrence addicts - students of contemporary literature - people interested in bibliographical material on an important creative artist will find this of permanent interest and value. Here is a study of close to 200 manuscripts, made available through the courtesy of Frieda Lawrence. On each a systematic analysis is made, the manuscript described, previous publication indicated, the origin and development of the title traced, and a comparison made between text of original manuscript and the known version. Lawrence's diary appears here for the first time. In the controversial case of *Lady Chatterley's Lover,* Tedlock has studied the three versions...These are simply samples of the extensive research and scholarship that have gone into this study, intended chiefly for a somewhat eclectic audience. The rather abandoned foreword by Frieda Lawrence contrasts with the professional seriousness of the work. A beautiful piece of bookmaking.

May 6

Nehru, Jawaharlal John Day
NEHRU ON GNADHI $2.00

This is an editorial selection taken from the writings of Nehru over several decades and referring to perhaps the most famous revolutionary of our day, Gandhi, whom he knew intimately, admired idealistically rather than ideologically...Through these excerpts one sees Gandhi, the man of the people who represented the ancient tradition of India- asceticism and renunciation, his fearlessness, charm and persuasive power. The political programs of non-cooperation and passive resistance; the launching of the National Congress; the suspension (regretted by Nehru) of civil resistance; the "fast unto death" of 1932 and those subsequent to it; the conflict between his basic belief in nonviolence and his desire to cooperate with the British; his death...Both testimonial and tribute, this at intervals includes some criticism of the political position he has at times assumed, but in the main is eloquent appreciation.

Griswold, A. Whitney Harcourt, Brace
FARMING AND DEMOCRACY $3.00

Has the Jeffersonian theory of the family farm as the backbone of American democracy held true, and what are its prospects for the future? An authority in the fields of history, government, and international relations presents the results of his analysis of the relationship between the independent small farm and the growth of democracy in the U.S.A., England, France. In England democracy had its greatest growth while the individual farm was on the decline; in France a fanatical faith in the family has put democracy on trial; in the United States, the urban trend seems most closely linked with the democratic processes. The farm policy here was challenged at the moment the war rescued the small farmer; a new farm policy must be devised. In weighing possible lines of future development, the study of the past is extensively documented- his conclusion being that farming and democracy are not necessarily correlative.... The author's *Far Eastern Policy of the United States* established his reputation; this has a grass roots appeal for the home market.

May 10

Peattie, Roderick- *Ed.* Vanguard
THE BERKSHIRES: *The Purple Hills* $5.00

An addition to the excellent American Mountain Series, these essays are concerned with this section of New England and combine to convey the character of the country,- hills and valleys, towns and villages, flora, birds and bird life, country roads, streams and fishing, gardening. Other contributors describe the Indian legends, the history - in brief review- the society, the folk and folkways, arts and literature, summer theatre, winter sports, and the famous musical festival at Tanglewood...An appreciative, leisurely to lyrical portrait of a picturesque- if not dramatic- region.

Kirby, Edward M. & Harris, Jack W. Ziff-Davis
STAR-SPANGLED RADIO $3.50

Journalistic coverage, in a colloquial to semi-comprehensive history of radio through the war as it became one of the lifelines of the nation, of the people, in uniform and out, who participated. The first censorships, later largely self-imposed; army mike manoeuvers and the lessons learned; the "Army Hour" programs, Armed Forces Network, and others both military and professional as they contributed to morale;radio as a propagandist weapon;the shows put on in the CBI, the Pacific, the part it played in the Invasion, and so on. The conclusion is that radio ad-libbed its way through the war, did a fine job, but that in the next, controls will have to be applied... This needs a bit more than enthusiasm to carry it over the barrier of being another war record.

May 15

de Lys, Claudia Philosophical Library
A TREASURY OF AMERICAN SUPERSTITIONS $5.00

The notional, pursued extensively and traced with informed authority to their origins, in a collection of superstitions (and their variations), the sayings, symbols, customs, beliefs, charms, omens which make up our heritage of fancy and which have acquired the "conviction of long familiarity". Topically, here are literally hundreds of concepts, about nature, human beings, weddings, foods, fashions, dreams, illnesses, holidays, business, water, the heavens, numbers, etc., clarified, classified, often dispelled...Curiosa, which provide often fascinating incidental information.

May 24

Peterson, H. Tscherning Roy
TROPICAL ADVENTURE $3.50

A Dane's story of his years in the East Indies, round and about Medan, as he sought a job there during the early days of the depression. What a strange country is like to one who is penniless; what it means to get a chance; what life on an oil palm plantation is like from day to day. Working for a Belgian company, Peterson took the ribbing that a greenhorn is given, and learned his job through heat, drought, fire, rain. He found the excitements of hunting, of dealing with coolie labor, he saw how the whites went on holidays,managed their social as well as their sex life, and how the Dutch colonial system worked. A personal response to a country that gives an intimate picture of the world of plantation life.

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Sjahrir, Soetan — John Day $3.00

OUT OF EXILE

In translation, these are the letters that give- diary like- the thoughts of the writer, a fighter for Indonesian freedom and advancement. He was a political criminal, headed the nationalist Indonesian movement, defended his country's right to free itself of Dutch colonial domination, knew years of prison because of his beliefs. From 1934 to 1938, here is the record of what happened to him, how it affected his thinking, what his life in prisons was like. The second part of the book tells of the war years and how national self consciousness awoke with resistance to the Japs, how from 1945-47, as Premier of the Republic of Indonesia, he helped make his dream come true, in all the necessary negotiations. A book that reveals an idealist, that concentrates on a segment of world history, that has importance for the student of world affairs. Interesting tie-up with *Tropical Adventure* (see P. 204) in another side of the picture. Translated and with an introduction by Charles Wolfe, Jr.

May 28

Asch, John — Putnam $5.00

THE STORY OF PLANTS

Fairly technical and advanced for the average layman, but a worthwhile overall for the botanist in its story of plant history and the strange and wonderful vegetable kingdom. It explains the effects of soil and climate, the chemical make-up and elements of plants, their life cycles, their economic importance, their classifications and their evolution. It goes further into the environmental conditions influencing plants from their primitive forms to their more advanced manifestations, it follows their migrations, domestication, and the part they play in commerce, agriculture, and gardening. Specific and specialized. Call to attention of Garden Club enthusiasts. Ill'd.

June 9

Barton, R.C. - *Ed.* — Harper $3.50

WITNESSES FOR FREEDOM

A socio-literary study of Negro autobiography, from Booker T. Washington to Richard Wright, which appraises 22 books as literature and as expressions of various attitudes and philosophies toward racial discrimination. The material is divided into four sections: the "accommodators", - Booker T. Washington, James Corrothers, William Pickens, Jane Edna Hunter, an earlier group who accepted race inferiority; the "achievers", Negroes who went ahead despite prejudice,- "Major" Taylor, Lt. William J. Powell, Matthew A. Henson, W.C. Handy, Mary Church Terrell; the "experimenters" of the '30's and '40's, Juanita Harrison, William Braithwaite, Zora Neale Hurston, Taylor Gordon, Elizabeth Laura Adams, Claude McKay, Era Bell Thompson, Negroes who minimized the racial issue; and finally, those who actively protested in favor of a new freedom, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Angelo Herndon, Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, J.Saunders Redding and Richard Wright. While some will criticize both inclusions and exclusions, these biographers are all considered for qualities of mind and temperament, the impacts of white man's culture on them. Scholarly, challenging, primarily an interesting analysis of the racial problem, and secondarily a study of phase of American writing. Of value for both students of sociology and literature.

June 9

Fanning, Leonard H. Harper
THE RISE OF AMERICAN OIL $3.50

Published originally in 1936, this is now revised and brought up to date, in so far as inclusion of the extension of oil production in this country is concerned (but with scarcely mention of oil reserves elsewhere)- the improved methods of location, refining, transportation; the secondary supplies; the supplementary uses for war and peace, the synthetics and substitutes, the use of oil in heating, air conditioning, agriculture, and so on. For a quick survey of the historical background, from the discovery of drilling as a means of securing oil, in Titusville, Penna., almost 100 years ago- through the rapid extension (thanks to American inventiveness and drive), the tremendous impetus supplied by the automobile, by aviation, and by this book meets a very real need. But there is still needed a book which captures the drama, the adventure, the romance in this stupendous industrial miracle.

June 14

Putnam, Samuel Knopf
MARVELOUS JOURNEY $4.00

A comprehensive survey of Brazilian literature, which is a guide to its historical and cultural origins,- European, Portuguese in particular, and indigenous. This covers the character of Brazilian culture, people, and language. It has for a thesis the production of truly modern writing from the tropics, as exemplified in the local development, from 1500 to the present day, and presents many unfamiliar, a few familiar names and titles. The acceptance of miscegenation as an asset; analysis of writer and work; contrast of national and popular heritage, this points the way to new schools and new talents. With its appended footnotes and selected background reading in English on Brazil, this is of first importance in literature classes, secondarily in amplifying specific interest in Brazil. Putnam has a flair for giving immediacy and liveliness to his surveys of the literary scene. The difficulty here (as compared with his study of the left bank writers in Paris a generation ago) is a certain apathy towards Latin American writing on the part of the general reader. Stress for students of writing.

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Torrence, Ridgely Macmillan
THE STORY OF JOHN HOPE $4.50

Biography of a Negro, son of a Scots father and a quadroon mother, born in 1868 and champion of equality for his people. From a happy life in Augusta, he learned the violence of anti-Negro feeling, won many friends in his New England schooling at Worcester Academy and Brown University, returned to the South to teach. He headed the Atlanta Baptist College (later Morehouse) and was the first Negro president of a University, in Atlanta. A fiery, fearless advocate of his people's rights, he worked and fought a dedicated battle for them, helped them in the fame he achieved as an educator, as an admired traveler, as an able administrator. His story, like that of other prominent Negroes, has the concentration of devotion to a cause, contributes yet another aspect of the means by which and in which the Negro is achieving his goals.

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Howard, John Tasker Random House
THE WORLD'S GREAT OPERAS ~~IN STORY FORM~~ $2.95

Perhaps the most all-inclusive volume of its kind, this summarizes succinctly but clearly, the plots of over 200 operas, from earliest to such moderns as *The Medium* and *The Telephone*, and including some that are virtually forgotten or unknown. An appendix contributes valuable data on composers, librettists, sources, etc.

June 16

Francis, Devon & Carroll, Gordon — Duell, Sloan & Pearce
FLAK BAIT — $5.00

An airplane is the hero of this war story- the Marauder, better known as B-26. Here is its history from the drawing boards of the Martin plant, to the skies over Europe. The army asked for bids on a fast medium bomber; Martin won and produced this first all World War II plane,- not perfect at the start, dangerous to fly, but with improvements in design and changes in techniques of using it, the B-26 became the most successful plane in Europe. It was used for torpedoing, for bombing rocket-launching sites; railroads, submarine pens, etc. Then it became a tactical weapon in support of the ground troops during the invasion of Europe. Interspersed are comments from the men who flew the planes. And it is among them- and boys whose interest is universal- that the main market will be found. Rather specialized, although non-technical. Photographs.

~~June 22~~ 7-13

Wecter, Dixon — Macmillan
THE AGE OF THE GREAT DEPRESSION — $4.50

A panorama, with emphasis on the economic and political, of the United States from 1929 to 1941 - with special focus on the New Deal. General Wall Street background as the depression is reviewed; Hoover's negative, if misunderstood, attempts to stem the tide, and then the arrival on the scene of Roosevelt, with his buoyant optimism, his determination to try anything. The author analyzes various aspects of the Roosevelt administration:- the alphabet agencies, the transference of power from Wall Street to Capitol Hill; the city, county, state planning boards; the rise of unionism; help for the farmer, housing for the poor, opportunity for youth, security for the aged, but the general failure to wipe out unemployment without the aid of the war boom. Most effectively presented are the moods and feelings of the people in the changing times, lethargy and despair, hope and aspiration. A judicious, objective appraisal, by the author of *Hero in America.*

5-18

Menninger, William C. — Macmillan
PSYCHIATRY IN A TROUBLED WORLD — $6.00

An intensive investigation of the field of psychiatry during World War I and after, and army psychiatry in this war. An impressive and significant study, showing how to World War II it was applied to individuals and institutions, not to the masses; the handicaps faced in this war, prejudice levelled against patient and practitioner. The soldier and basic concepts of personality structure, environment and stresses and strains encountered; emotional supports. Psychoneurotic disorders, psychoses; maladjustments and behaviour disorders; the lowest 8%, the mental deficients, homosexuality. Standards of selection of induction and methods of treatment; preventive psychiatry; the social reintegration of the veteran; mental health in the home; how army experience has been related to civilian life,- psychiatry in education, industry, criminology; with again the findings that more need be done in research, in training, for perhaps the least undermanned branch of medicine...The author is Karl Menninger's brother, a psychiatrist of many year's experience. This survey has substantial statistical support.

June 23

Haugland, Vern — Harper
THE AAF AGAINST JAPAN — $5.00

A compendium from the records and personal experiences of the strategy and tactical employment of air power against Japan, that covers all phases of the war in the Pacific as related to this branch of the Services. From the pre-Pearl Harbor days

through the bleakness of the early defeats, on to the operations of long range tactics, campaigns, drives and plans, this covers everything aerial, from the specialists to the supporting arms, to the raids, transport, medicine, search parties. Here are the brains and the brawn that stopped the Jap steamroller, the strength of spirit always, of numbers later, that made military aviation history. Overwhelmingly detailed record that should answer all questions about air triumph over Japan.

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Lewin, Kurt — Harper

RESOLVING SOCIAL CONFLICTS — ~~$4.00~~ 3.50

An interesting collection of essays, written through the years by a psychologist, but extending beyond his field into sociological subjects, and applied to the group rather than the individual, to rather particular problems. The difference between the U.S. and Germany, as indicated through the concept of freedom, the system of education; cultural reconstruction after the war and the obstacles which prevent the imposition of a new culture on an old; democratic vs autocratic leadership; time perspective and group morale; minority problems and the raising of the Jewish child, etc., often technical in its formulae reasoning, sporadic in coverage; rather confined in appeal.

Overstreet, Bonaro W. — Harper

HOW TO THINK ABOUT OURSELVES — July 14 — $3.00

Again the author of *Search for a Self, Courage for Crisis,* etc. translates into popular terms a practical to philosophical pursuit of self understanding, and manages to avoid the commonplaces of many books in the field. Relating the individual to the world in which he lives, this evaluates our "sense of personal worth", discusses in the first part what it means to take part in a changing culture, our powers and limitations, our cultural ignorance, our responses to authority, our habit formations; in the second part, our five links with the world,- communication, creative effort, work, love, social involvement; and lastly, our self-defenses, self deceptions which make us human and our acquisition of a personal philosophy...With perceptive psychological insight, this provides beneficial, contemplative counsel.

Rogers, Cleveland & Rankin, Rebecca B. — Harper

NEW YORK: *The World's Capital City* — $5.00

The story of New York's past in relation to its present and future, this shows New York in historic perspective. Not a chronological history, but rather the aspects of development, each dealt with separately and interrelated with the others, the focus being on the last few decades, and historic developments examined only insofar as they bear on the present. Here we have a composite of New York's beginnings, its struggle for liberty and freedom from the Revolution to the present, the government and those who were active in it, the great men and their achievements in finance and business, trade and commerce, transit and transportation, intellectual life, city planning, housing, parks and playgrounds, and New York's increased importance and increased problems as capital of U.N. Well written and organized, a competent job, interesting and informative, this should command a good audience, particularly with the visitors. Ill'd.

June 24

Goren, Charles H. — Doubleday

CONTRACT BRIDGE MADE EASY — 1.69 — ~~$1.50~~ 75

For those scarcely beyond the status of beginners - and as a refresher for more experienced players who are out of practice. This should provide the reader with

a firm foundation in the game, for it presents clearly and concisely all the important types of bidding under different conditions,- opening bids, responses, rebids by opener, rebids by responder, slam bidding, defensive bidding, penalty double, special conventions - and at each chapter's end, quizzes to check on your own progress. Spiral binding makes it a book for purchase (not for library use); a good investment at this price as a reference book for contract players. For those to whom his earlier books are too advanced, this is Goren at his simplest.

~~June~~ 24 pp. to ? ~~7-8~~ ~~7/22~~ 8/5

Riess, Curt — Doubleday ~~$4.00~~ 3.95

JOSEPH GOEBBELS: *A Biography*

An interesting experiment, the publication so close together of the *Goebbels' Diaries* and this biography. Actually, the general public will find the Riess book better reading. It makes a substantial contribution to the historical record, not only for its biographical data, but for the analysis of the extraordinary propaganda machine created by Goebbels, and for some newsworthy items of what went on inside Germany. Read in conjunction with the *Diaries*, this substantiates the impression conveyed by Goebbels of his dislike of the Russian invasion, his fear of the second front, his scorn of the Italians, his detestation of the generals(the stories differ in regard to Rommel and North Africa), his insistance on total war. Riess makes less of Goebbels' awareness of the collapse of civilian morale, the weakness of air defense, and stresses (in the period following the *Diaries*)his disillusionment with Hitler. One book should sell the other.

Williams, Henry Lionel & Ottalie K. — Doubleday ~~$5.00~~ 4.95

MODERNIZING OLD HOUSES June 24-

Companion volume to their *Old American Houses*, published in the fall of 1946. The basic philosophy is the same- keep the essential characteristics of your old house, while approaching intelligently the essentials for modern living. Where the first book considered the factors relating to selection, values, general remodelling problems, this deals with such down-to-earth problems as making your house weather tight, water-tight, fireproof; modernizing an oldtime kitchen and keeping it appropriate to the rest of the house; sewage and garbage disposal, and so on. Considerable space is given to discussing various types of heating. A practical handbook of research and study; not a how-to-do-it-yourself book, but one that gives you the necessary know-how to deal with experts, and charts the course of what to do and when. 183 line drawings by the authors. A book valuable for constant reference, for those who plan to modernize an old house.

Fischer, Ruth — Harvard University Press $8.00

STALIN AND GERMAN COMMUNISM

A tremendous, historical and personal record of the changes, Russian instigated, within the Social Democratic Party in Germany, from the end of World War I through the transitional years of the manipulation of the German Social Democrats and the Stalinization. As a representative of a democratic workers' organization, the author opposed the Russian alliance in 1926, was virtually a state prisoner, and was expelled when she protested the growing subservience to Moscow. She was an eye witness to many of the crises arising in the Lenin-Trotsky period, the emergent days of Stalin, the growing terrorism of the State Party regime, and her report is replete with tabulation of political changes, leaders' capitulation to Soviet indoctrination, the day-to-day shift of loyalties, beliefs, policies. A massive tome, of interest basically to those close students of world politics, of the pattern of power trends.

A Windfall of Books on Sport

May 7

Lieb, Frederick G. Putnam
THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES $3.00

The newest in an excellent series, which sell to baseball fans everywhere, with native hearth sales predominating. It would seem that every ball team has an interesting history and this yarn of the Pirates tells of famous players like the great shortstop Honus Wagner, Fred Clarke, whose 1902 team beat second place Brooklyn, Barney Dreyfuss, immigrant who became owner of the club, and others outstanding in the fabulous history of Pittsburgh's ball team, from 1876 down to the present.

May 19

Durocher, Leo Ziff-Davis
THE DODGERS AND ME $2.95

A manager's eyeview of the incredible ball team, from 1937 to today- with many inside bits of information to explain the Ebbets Field brand of baseball. No feelings spared, as the author attacks people as though they were all umpires. Will sell with no prompting in Brooklyn and little among fans elsewhere. Durocher's suspension added another sports epic to its literature. That gives this story news value.

Practically Published

Durant, John Hastings House
THE DODGERS $2.75

A picture book- with photographs on practically every page- but more more as the author of *The Story of Baseball* uses the same dramatic techniques for the stormy history of Brooklyn baseball, from the Excelsiors of 1854 to today, from "Candy" Cummings to the "Daffiness Boys". The charts of complete records will delight the fans.

Allen, Lee Putnam
THE CINCINNATI REDS $3.00

Personalities,- pitchers, managers, sportswriters, et al, from the spectacular play of the early Red Stockings, the start of the first pro league, the fabulous character of the game as developed by the Cincinnati Reds. Vigorous writing.

Kaese, Harold Putnam
THE BOSTON BRAVES $3.00

The oldest big league ball club in the world- under various names- had for years a record of success that finally broke up the league to attempt to break the run of luck. The story of how they proved it was more than luck-the players-the managers, etc.

Hogan, Ben Barnes
POWER GOLF $3.00

and

Zaharias, "Babe" Didrikson Barnes
CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF $2.75

Two first rate books by top ranking champions,- as Ben Hogan, in photographs and text, shares his experience and findings in a how-to-do-it-too book for men. Mrs. Zaharias introduces each section with a brief, straightforward analysis of each phase, including fundamentals of mental attitudes, match play, etc.- and then includes a question and answer section based on experience. Photographs illustrate her points.

La Meri — Barnes

SPANISH DANCING — $5.00

For those interested in the history and lore of the dance, this will supply an illuminating sidelight on Spanish dancing, its folk lore, traditions, sources, techniques, regionalism. And the beautiful photographs, many of them action pictures, give added flavor. There is enough background of history and geography to give focus to the regional aspects, and the actual descriptive matter relating to the various national dances falls into regional categories. The chapter on techniques will be valuable to aspiring dancers, particularly the warnings, but it is not a book of self-instruction, not a how-to-do-it book, but one that will be as valuable for the trained observer as for the aspiring dancer. Terminology-glossary- table of dances- bibliography-index combine to give this reference value as well. (4/15)

Reyher, Rebecca Hourwich — Columbia University Press

ZULU WOMAN — $3.00

A preface by Ruth Benedict adds some anthropological prestige to a book that is chiefly a personal story, in personal terms, of Christina Sibiya, first wife of Solomon, King of the Zulus. Christian in her rearing, resenting her father's polygamy, Christina was reluctant to accept the courtship of King Solomon. And she had been married but two months and pregnant, when she found him launched on a path of debauchery, taking other wives and concubines, heading to dissolute ways and disease. From jealousy and humiliation she turned to indifference, eventually rebelling and finding freedom in divorce. This is intended as an exposure of "what goes on in the heart and mind of a native woman" - but should not be judged on scientific grounds. (4/30)

Siegfried, Andre — Duell, Sloan & Pearce

THE MEDITERRANEAN — $3.00

The author of *America Comes of Age*, etc. does a thoroughgoing survey of the Mediterranean area, its people, its civilization, highly readable in parts, heavy and technical in others. His purpose seems to be to indicate the importance of the Mediterranean, but recognizes its losses with the shift to the west, and intimates that this more materialistic civilization may cause much trouble, and that the values of the Mediterranean civilization might still save the world. This might be a defense mechanism, viewed psychologically. But unquestionably, the Mediterranean is still an area vital to world balance. Prestige value of Siegfried name. (~~4/21~~) 5-19

Hall, David — Oliver Durrell - $7.50

THE RECORD BOOK — 527 Lexington Ave.NYC 17

Original edition was published in 1940; this is a complete revision of a valuable, accepted reference, guide and survey of recorded music, here and abroad, which makes readily accessible information on various recordings, composers, types of performances, of compositions, and important details of building a record library, of collecting. The fore matter contains data on musical classifications and history, the how-to of record choosing, buying and cataloging, the second part "record reviews" alphabetically under composers, with short, evaluative paragraphs of introduction, classification, etc. Excellent stock item, for stores with record departments, for regular book stock in the music department, for those public libraries-increasing in number-with record collections.

Cohn, Alfred E. — Harcourt, Brace

NO RETREAT FROM REASON — $3.50

Collection of essays, ranging from art and aesthetics to science and medicine, from studies of medical men and their work to a spiritual autobiography. The scope of this man's mind here extends through a variety of subjects:- an essay on reason urging

us to adhere to it more strongly rather than retreat from it; a light satirical essay on retiring; one which examines the influence of science on art and another examining the difference between art and science in their relation to nature; short studies of John Wyckoff and his work on cardiac cases; of Simon Flexner and the Rockefeller Institute, of William Harvey and the development of his theory of the circulation of the blood; several medical essays; finally a biography of his mind, the influences brought to bear on it, and so on. Of interest to the serious-minded, though parts are too technical for the layman. Should appeal to the audience of his *Minerva's Progress* (1946) (Publ.)

Gilpin, Laura — Hastings House
TEMPLES IN YUCATAN — $5.00

The author-photographer of *The Pueblos* with another book contributing to the cultural understanding and background of the Americas. A book which in its text shows scholarship, imagination, human interest, and in its photographs, a realization of the beauty and fascination of the redeemed monuments of a lost civilization. (Publ.)

Le Corbusier — Reynal & Hitchcock
NEW WORLD OF SPACE — $6.00

Of contemporary importance in modern art and architecture, city planning, this biographical-credo of Le Corbusier gives the history of his career, the story of his work. The illustrations of his paintings, buildings, plans (over 100 of them) enliven the text, make visual his theories and the practice of them, explain his definition of himself as a "rebel". A vanguard personality, LeCorbusier in his work offers an expression of his times and modern ideas. A book specifically for the art departments, and for students of current trends in art. Newsworthy in those circles. Beautiful format. (Publ.)

McDougall, William H. Jr. — Scribner
SIX BELLS OFF JAVA — $2.75

Somehow this misses the vital spark that would take it over the barrier of being just another war correspondent's story. As it stands, it seems pretty pedestrian at times, a many times told tale, with few new angles- the story of a UP correspondent's escape from the Japanese. In Tokyo he was tipped off that there was going to be trouble, so he went to Shanghai, and with the aid of the underground, got through occupied and then Free China. He flew from Chungking to India, then to Java for his next story, and stayed till the last minute, only to have his ship bombed as they were getting out of range. The most graphic part of the book deals with the sinking of the ship and the days spent on the lifeboat. Eventually they reached Sumatra, there to be interned by the Japanese for the duration. Wont be easy selling. (Publ.)

Van Rensselaer, Alexander — Sheridan House
THE COMPLETE PARTY BOOK — $3.50

This lives up to the promise of its sub-title:- "Etiquette, Party Plans, Menus, Recipes, Decorations, Games and Stunts". And its biggest sales angle is that the focus is on entertaining without a maid, a caterer, or a party director, with techniques applicable to small houses and apartments, and small budgets. Modern, streamlined, informal- this goes from the invitation to the accomplished and successful party. The chapters given to games from active games to paper games, guessing games, etc. are particularly useful for the hostess who has no flair for that sort of thing (I speak feelingly)- while the etiquette and food suggestions may relieve the nervous hostess of responsibilities and fears. Good merchandise tie-up for stores which have party favors, decorations, and so on. But useful for public library reference shelves too. Indexed.

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AN APOLOGY and RETRACTION

On Page 134 of the March 1st issue of the Service, there appeared a review of David Shub's biography of LENIN - to be published by Doubleday on April 22 (new date). A misunderstanding of a statement made in regard to Mr. Shub's association with Lenin at the time Lenin was one of the leaders of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party led to the reviewer's unfounded assumption that David Shub, too, was at one time a Communist. This was at no time the case, and we wish not only to publicize this fact, through the pages of the Service, but to publish in full Mr. Shub's letter to Doubleday:

"My attention has been called to a brief review of my forthcoming book, *Lenin,* in the Virginia Kirkus Bulletin of March 1, 1948, where I am described as a former Communist. This assertion is untrue and libelous. As a member of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Party which I joined in 1903, I supported the opposition to Lenin's faction with all my then very youthful ardor. I remained, of course, in most outspoken opposition to the Lenin group when the party was split later that year.

"In 1905 when I had many meetings with Lenin in Switzerland, during which he made repeated attempts to convert me to his theories of the dictatorship of a militant minority, I managed to hold my own as a democratic Socialist. While I regarded him at the time very highly both as a Socialist writer and as a leader in the struggle against the Czarist autocracy, I was frequently shocked by his amoral tactics. I have been in most active opposition to Communism since the first day the Bolshevists constituted themselves a separate political party, and I am a consistent opponent of Communist theory and tactics to this day."

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BOOKS TO READ ALOUD

Lim Siam-Tek — John Day

MORE FOLK TALES FROM CHINA — $2.50

A second collection of Chinese folk lore, welcome news to those who relished the unique flavor of the earlier book, *Folk Tales from China* (published 1944). The rich legendary background of Cathay is as rewarding as any folk lore there is. Stories of the origins of things, of the natural and supernatural, of heroes and sages, of good men and bad,- these reveal the philosophy and ethics as well as the romantic and imaginative qualities of China. The stories are short, brief in presentation. The delightful illustrations by William Arthur Smith have the simplicity of grey Chinese silk screen. An interesting use of deep grey ink, good paper, excellent typography, cloth binding with a decorative design make this outstanding in format. 160 pp. (Publ.)

FICTION - 8 to 11

Haywood, Carolyn — Morrow

PENNY GOES TO CAMP — $2.00

The third in a series about two adopted boys, Peter who is now 10 and Penny who is 8. After a rather unfortunate start, when camp is viewed as an unhappy necessity, forced on the boys (who want another summer at the seashore) because the parents are going to Europe, this develops into a rather commonplace story about minor adventures and misadventures at the camp. There is place for a good first camping book, but this doesn't measure up to expectations. The boys were convinced- camp turned out to be lots of fun- but neither the constructive aspects nor the psychological ones seem very convincing to this reader. And a good chance was missed to strengthen the boys' sense of security in giving them a voice in the decision. Publication date makes it late for the camping crowd. (7/28)

Glick, Carl — Whittlesey

MICKEY WINS HIS FEATHERS — $2.00

Mickey, (introduced in *The Horse That Volunteered*) is now back from his service in the Spanish-American war, and sets out to discover the causes of unrest among the Crow Indians. Amazing potpourri of adventure as soldier Farlow and horse Mickey right the wrong, capture the cowboy cattle thieves and bring peace to a troubled land, where at first all cowboys are bad, Indians restlessly beating war drums, soldiers acting like detectives, and things happening every minute. Lively pictures by Bill Crawford, reproduced in sepia. Might be a good antidote for comics. 63 pp. Cloth. (Publ.)

FACT BOOKS- 8 to 11

Bronson, Wilfred S. — Harcourt, Brace

STARLINGS — $2.00

* This is an engaging book that manages to put across a considerable amount of information about birds, with humor and affection throughout. The focus is on the Amer-

ican starling, but birds in general come in for skilled handling- how they fly, how they are streamlined and adapted for flight, how the egg-making machinery functions, how the eggs become birds - all told in a casual, chatty fashion that will appeal to children from eight up. Swell stuff, with illustrations by the author on a par with text. (Publ.)

TWELVE TO FIFTEEN- Fiction

Lambert, Janet — Dutton
WHERE THE HEART IS — $2.25

Who can explain just what the magic is that makes Janet Lambert's books unfailingly popular with the young teens - never a copy on the library shelves! We feel that she is woefully uneven, and that this is not one of her better books, though again it has the gaiety, the glamor, the lively, easy handling of sound social values, the joyfully validity of a somewhat Pollyanna approach to life. A homey family story, in which the housing shortage moves the Draytons into a madeover barn belonging to mean Cousin Edwin. Christy, a pert, gay 14-year old, makes friends with the Bucks County neighbors, round and about New Hope. Happy family incidents, outdoor good fun, young people facing modern problems combine for a readable, surely popular tale. Steady light fare. (Publ.)

Carter, Russell Gordon — Lantern Press
TEEN-AGE HISTORICAL STORIES — $2.50

* The sixth in a series of stories built around one idea or another (sport-mystery-westerns and so on), these are exceptional, as might be expected from an author who has a good feeling for dramatic incident and a gift for conveying a period by significant details that highlight. He has unearthed interesting bits of history in unlikely documents and letters, and built lively stories about unsung heroes. Subjects range from early colonial history through Franklin, the period of the Napoleonic Wars (as felt in the United States) and Lincoln; the moods vary from humor to tragedy. The book rates a place not only on the boys' action story shelf, but in school libraries for salutary introduction to history. Half titles and a few spot drawings by Edgard Cirlin. (5/4)

Hinkle, Thomas — Morrow
WOLF: *A Range Dog* — $2.00

Formula story by a writer who has held a predictable audience through his long record of output. Wolf, owned by a nester of the ranch country in the northwest, goes off on his own. An enormous beast, he competes with wolves and trappers for a living, until at last he finds the perfect master, an intuitive, patient ranch lad, Dan, with whom-in a finale, Wolf fights off a pack of starving, howling, death-dealing wolves. Sure fire for the Hinkle market. (7/28)

TWELVE TO FIFTEEN-Non-fiction

Crouse, William H. — Whittlesey
UNDERSTANDING SCIENCE — $2.50

** Everything the science-minded youngster of 12 and up wants to know, simply explained and effectively illustrated. There are chapters on atomic structure, engines, electricity, sound, movies, radio, television, airplanes,- with few exceptions models of clarity and organization. We felt that the sections on radio and television might be tough going for the student without some background in physics, but on the whole this is a swell job and deserves top billing for library and school material, and individuals as well. Double list for older boys and girls. Ill'd. by Jeanne Bendick. (Late May)

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Fulton, Reed — Doubleday

STEVEDORE — $2.00

In a brawling, red-blooded burst of realism, we have the perilous, rowdy, hard-working lot of the stevedore, with high percentage of accidents and low degree of respect and care to be found at that "bilge-stinking Puget Dock". Ben Saunders, son of a shareholder, wants to know why this dock is the worst of them all, and becomes a stevedore in order to answer some pretty vital questions. He blames the unions for not insisting on the regulations; he blames the men for griping over rules; he watches his friends maimed and even killed; but he sees the biggest factor in the deterioration of Puget Dock, the boss, Cragerud, and his henchman, Ace. In a narcotic plot, the villains are eventually unearthed- and prove to be these men. Ben develops a plan which should add up to increased safety and personal dignity for the stevedore. Good rough and tumble, timely views aired (an objective handling of the pros and cons of Communism), some pretty fervent cursing (which may condemn it in some libraries) - but a good deal to recommend it for youth looking at all sides of life. The jacket end papers contribute nothing to the value of the book. (6/24)

Boughton, Willis A. — Bruce Humphries

EVERGLADES ADVENTURE — $2.00

Florida Everglades for a rip-snorting adventure of a pampered rich boy, downed in his plane, and making good the hard way. A white hermit and a Seminole teach him the meaning of cooperation and friendly living, in its simplest and most essential terms. Misadventure with some pretty dreadful-looking comic-book bad men, killers, men of sinister brutality - until Burt outwits the convicts and his hermit friend escapes for help. Burt comes out of the Everglades a man and a hero. Compelling sustained adventure, with a core of meaning despite its tone of high adventure. A bit too much coincidence in the plotting, but a book that might well bridge the gap for problem teen age readers. (Publ.)

Salten, Felix — Messner

JIBBY THE CAT — $2.50

Salten's well-known appreciation of field and woodland and his meditative approach to the animal world make this a natural for the audience of the original (not the dehydrated Disney version) *Bambi*. Jibby was "half household queen and half savage huntress" - the kind of proud cat-that-walks-by-itself true connoisseurs appreciate, and Salten has drawn a sensitive and fascinating portrait of her. There's a portrait too of a variety of humans who fail to meet with the approval of the animals, and of one meandering school teacher who earns their acceptance. For a special audience. (5/27)

Garth, David — Putnam

THE TORTURED ANGEL — $2.50

Smooth adventure - plus tale of Denis Furlong's search for the truth of Lt. Landis' disappearance in Normandy, and the whereabouts of important French Resistance secret documents. Clues are few in America, his contacts in Paris disappear, but the trail finally leads to La Flamme, once Resistance heroine, now suspect. Her cooperation leads to the answer. A grade above the usual "confidential mission" yarn. For full report see P. 199. (5/17)

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Goren, Charles H. — Doubleday

CONTRACT BRIDGE MADE EASY — $1.95

For those scarcely beyond the status of beginners, in which classification this age group would naturally belong, this should provide a firm foundation for the game, as it presents clearly and concisely all the important types of bidding under different conditions,- opening bids, responses, rebids by opener, rebids by responder, slam bidding, defensive bidding, penalty doubles, special conventions. Quizzes at each chapter end make it possible to use it as a self-teacher. (For full report see P.208) (6/24)

Francis, Devon — Duell, Sloan & Pearce

FLAK BAIT — $5.00

A plane is the hero of this "story" - the Marauder, better known as B-26. Here is its history from drawing boards to skies over Europe, North Africa, the Pacific. After some false starts, the improvements in design and changes in techniques of flying made it the most successful plane in its field. It was used for torpedoing, for bombing rocket-launching sites, railroads, submarine pens, etc. During the invasion it was used for tactical defense of ground forces. Illustrated with photographs. (P.207) (6/16)

Rogers, Cleveland & Rankin, Rebecca B. NEW YORK: *The World's Capital City* Harper $5.00

The story of New York's past in relation to its present and future, not chronologically told, but with aspects of development, focussed on the past decades, and historic developments in their bearing on the present. Here we have a composite of New York's beginnings, its struggles for freedom, the government and those active in it, great men in finance and business, trade and commerce, transit and transportation, intellectual life, city planning. Finally New York's increased importance as the capital of U.N. Interesting, informative, well-written and well-organized. Ill'd. (6/23)

Van Rensselaer, Alexander THE COMPLETE PARTY BOOK Sheridan House $3.50

Subtitled "Etiquette, Party Plans, Menus, Recipes, Decorations, Games and Stunts" - this goes from invitation to the successful party. Its biggest sales angle is the focus on entertaining without a maid, with techniques applicable to an apartment or small house, and small budgets. Modern, stream-lined, informal. (Full report P.212) (Publ.)

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BOOKS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Overstreet, Bonaro W. HOW TO THINK ABOUT OURSELVES Harper $3.00

The author of *Search for a Self* translates into popular terms a practical to philosophical pursuit of self understanding and manages to avoid the commonplaces of many books in the field. Relating the individual to the world in which he lives, this evaluates our "sense of personal worth", discusses our part in a changing culture, our responses to authority, our links with the world, our self defenses and self deceptions. This is the sort of book that parents and teachers may want to suggest to certain young people to read to themselves, and that might well be read for better understanding in working with them. (For fuller report see P. 208) (~~6/23~~) 7/14